GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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U.S. AID TO PAK
RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had asked the U.S. to cut off aid including military aid to Pakistan in order to put pressure on it for resolving the conflict with India on the issue of continuing infiltration by terrorists and allied matters;

(b) if so, the U.S. Government`s response thereto; and

(c) the nature and extent of arms and other aid given by U.S. to Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Government has consistently drawn the attention of the international community, including the United States, to Pakistan`s role in, and responsibility for stopping, cross-border terrorism in India. The United States has conveyed to Government President Musharraf`s pledge on an immediate, visible and permanent end to cross-border infiltration and his assurances for dismantling terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

It is for the U.S. Government to examine the measures it should take to ensure fulfilment of the pledge President Musharraf has given to the United States and for implementing the U.S. goal of working with other countries to fight terrorism globally.

(c) It is Government`s understanding that the United States has provided substantial economic assistance through direct budgetary support, trade concessions and development aid, and limited military assistance in the context of Pakistan`s role in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.